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1. The Czechoslovak nationalized industries depend to a great extent on
    "black imports", i.e. the smuggling into the country of such scarce
    production items as ball bearings and colored metals. Members of SNB
    border patrol units often receive orders to wait for smugglers at a
    designated place and time and assist them in getting the goods safely
    into Czechoslovakia. Items most frequently smuggled in are ball bear-
    ings for the Skoda Works in Pilsen and the Zbrojovka Works in Brno.

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